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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, EGEN, NI
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY UNDER SECRETARY COOPER

REF: STATE 096696

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE VISIT BY UNDER SECRETARY, WE
HAVE DELIVERED NOTE TO MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA)
INFORMING OF TENTATIVE VISIT AND REQUESTING MEETINGS WITH
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN SEVERAL FIELDS IF VISIT TAKES
PLACE.

2. WE BELIEVE MOST USEFUL CONVERSATION WOULD BE WITH CHIEF
OF STAFF YAR'ADUA, IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED. YAR'ADUA IS
RANKING DECISION-MAKER IN FIELDS OF ENERGY, ATOMIC POWER, AND
PORT CONGESTION. HE ALSO CARRIES CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT IN
MATTERS CONCERNING FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND BILATERAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION. WE HAVE OF COURSE REQUESTED MEETING WITH EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA, WHOSE OFFICE CONFIRMS HE WILL BE IN
TOWN. WE FURTHER CONTACTING FOLLOWING OFFICIALS WHO REPORTEDLY
WILL BE IN LAGOS ON MAY 13: ATTORNEY GENERAL NNAMANI, WHO
SERVES AS LOS DELEGATION HEAD; AMBASSADOR AFOLABI, DIRECTOR OF
MEA ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, WHO IS LEADING CIEC REPRESENTATIVE;
COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIES ADELEYE, WHOSE MINISTRY HAS
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHAPING AND IMPLEMENTING MUCH OF THE FOREIGN
INVESTMENT POLICY; AND COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE OLULEYE, WHO
WOULD APPEAR TO BE A KEY COUNTERPART IN ANY FUTURE JOINT COMMI-
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SSION ARRANGEMENT. COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE AWAY BUT
WE COULD PROFITABLY MEET WITH HIS DEPUTIES.

3. UNDER SECRETARY WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS FOLLOWING
MATTERS DURING VISIT:
A) FEELING WITHIN FMG THAT CIEC DISCUSSIONS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
VERY LITTLE (SEE LAGOS 4739). NEED FOR NIGERIAN LEADERS TO HAVE

BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. VIEWS IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOG.

B) NIGERIA'S WISH TO HAVE MORE LARGE REPUTABLE U.S. FIRMS ACTIVE
HERE, BOTH AS SUPPLIERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND AS INVESTORS.
RELEVANT HERE IS EFFECT OF INDIGENIZATION REGULATIONS ON U.S.
FIRMS.

C) U.S. ENERGY POLICY, INCLUDING NUCLEAR.

D) LAW OF THE SEA.

E) BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT.

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